

IN THE TITLE

Please replace the title with the following.

~~Application Software Initialization Device and Method in a card~~ for Initializing an  
Applicative Program of having an Integrated Circuit.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An integrated circuit device comprising a memory and at least one application program residing within said memory, characterized in that:

- ~~the at least one said~~ application program comprises at least one configurable variable and a list of at least one reference element that references the at least one configurable variable, and in that:
- ~~the said memory includes, on the one hand,~~ at least one means for initializing said configurable variables, ~~wherein said means is configured with several parameters, one of which parameters is said reference element list, and, on the other hand, a command for sending data that contain, in particular, values to be assigned to the configurable variables. upon receipt of a~~ command that comprises at least one value to be assigned to the at least one configurable variable, the at least one means for initializing establishing a link between the at least one value comprised in the command and the at least one reference element that references the at least one configurable variable, whereby the means for initializing transfers the at least one value comprised in the command to the at least one configurable variable.

2. (Original) A device according to claim 1, characterized in that said configurable variables are persistent within said memory.

3. (Currently Amended) A device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1,

characterized in that a reference element refers to a configurable variable.

4. (Currently Amended) A device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that said application program has at least two configurable variables that are referred to within the same list and which derive from the same parent class.

5. (Currently Amended) A device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that said application program has at least two configurable variables that are referred to within the same list and which are instances of the same class.

6. (Currently Amended) A device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that at least one initialization means resides within said memory, irrespective of the application program.

7. (Currently Amended) A device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that at least one application program comprises initialization means.

8. (Currently Amended) A device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that all initialization means are defined in the same language as said application program.

9. (Currently Amended) A device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that said command enables reading of configurable variable contents.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for initializing an application program in an integrated circuit device comprising a memory and at least one application program residing within said memory, characterized in that said method includes the steps of:

- ~~generating, within~~ providing the at least one said application program[[,]] with at least one configurable variable and a list of at least one reference element that references the at least one configurable variable,
- sending data ~~that contain, in particular, values~~ to the at least one application

program, the data comprising at least one value to be assigned to the at least one configurable variables variable,

~~- initializing said variables using one initialization means, wherein said means is configured with several parameters, one of which parameters is the reference element list.~~

- establishing a link between the at least one value comprised in the data and the at least one reference element in said list that references the at least one configurable variable, whereby the at least one value comprised in the data is transferred to the at least one configurable variable.